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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

All of the non-U.S. references listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report. As evident from the annex to the International Search Report, several of the cited references have English language equivalents, namely, U.S. Patent No. 5,928,282 relates to WO 98/56315, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,936,850 and 4,664,666 relate to EP 391 452, U.S. Patent No. 5,275,624 relates to EP 507292, Australian Patent No. 9037191 relates to FR 2668922 and Canadian Patent No. 225,3359 relates to WO 97/41805. The above-mentioned U.S. patent family members are also listed on PTO-1449.

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are not particularly pertinent to the claimed invention. It is submitted that this qualifies as a concise statement of the relevance of the references and, therefore, these references should be considered by the Examiner.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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